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### **Newsletter February/March 2016**

Dear Parents,

**Confirmation:** On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2016, 6<sup>th</sup> class children were confirmed in St. Joseph's Church, Kinvara. A huge amount of preparation went into the smooth running of the ceremony especially as this year the seating arrangements were changed due to the large number of children being confirmed. Major thanks to Mrs Whelan, Ms Murray and Hilary Sexton for their invaluable help with the Art work for the ceremony. As they always do, the School choir excelled and added so much to the occasion. Under the directorship of Ms McGrath, Mrs Murphy and Mr Gavin the choir, which included children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes, sang the usual hymns associated with the ceremony of confirmation as well as some beautiful new pieces specially prepared in recent months for the ceremony. The children in 6<sup>th</sup> class also did themselves proud especially the singers, musicians and readers. A special thank you to Father Cribbin for all his preparatory work with the 6<sup>th</sup> class during the past year. Well done to all.

**Flag Proclamation Day:** As part of the 1916 rising 100 year celebrations we raised the Irish flag at the school on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The school orchestra played traditional Irish music led by Ms O'Keeffe, Ms McGrath and Mr Gavin. The Proclamation was read out by Sophia Doherty, Erin Prendergast, Evan O'Connell, Joe Meares, Aodhán O'Hanrahan, and Sara Verbruggen. Thanks to Ms Smith for the Irish dancing.

**Rock & Road:** Congratulations to all the pupils in the school who took part in the 1km and 2km race on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Well done to Tom Kidd, Aodhán O'Hanrahan and Tadhg Heavy who were over the line 1, 2 and 3.

**Enrolment Forms:** These can be collected at the school for all pupils who need to enrol in the school for September or can be downloaded from our school web site [www.kinvarans.ie](http://www.kinvarans.ie). These can be returned to the school as soon as possible please.

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**Date to remember:** First Holy Communion will take place in St. Joseph's Church on **Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 11.00am.**

**St. Patrick's Day parade:** The Parade in Kinvara commences at 1pm tomorrow March 17<sup>th</sup>. Meeting point is the school at 12.30pm for any children parent's etc who are involved in the parade.

**Uniform:** Please note that black or grey tracksuits bottoms are to be worn for school uniform. No other colours. Hoodies are not part of the uniform. Please check school website to see uniform description.

**Darkness into Light Kinvara:** On Saturday morning the 7th May 2016 Kinvara will host its second Darkness into Light 5k walk/run at 4.15am for Pieta House, the Centre for Prevention of Suicide and Self-harm. **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** at Londis, Kinvara on 26th March 12noon to 2pm. Registration can also be done online [dil.pieta.ie](http://dil.pieta.ie). T-shirt collection available for those who registered online.

More details are available by emailing [dilkinvara@kinvara.com](mailto:dilkinvara@kinvara.com). Check out Darkness into Light Kinvara on Facebook or follow us on twitter @DILKinvara.

**Allergies/ Medication:** please ensure if your child (ren) have any allergies or are taking medication that the class teacher is aware of this.

**Best of Luck:** to the Kinvara U13 Gaelic team to play Mountbellew on Sunday next in the County Final in Claregalway at 12.30pm. There are many pupils from our school who are on the team. Cinn Mhara abú!

**Sympathies:** to our staff member Mary Kelly and family on the death of her father John Conlon. May he rest in peace.

**School Closure:** the school will be closed from March 17<sup>th</sup> until April 3<sup>rd</sup> and will re open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of April.

*Beannachtaí na Cásca orailh uile.*

**Is mise,**

*Dominic Gallagher (Principal)*